

Saying the date in English

Dates. (Las fechas)

We can say dates either with the day before the month, or the month before the day:
(Podemos decir las fechas, nombrando primero el día y luego el mes o al revés.)

The first of January / January the first.

Remember to use ordinal numbers for dates.

(Recuerda que debes utilizar los números ordinals para las fechas.)

(The first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, the twenty-second, the thirty-first etc.)

Years (Los años)

For years up until 2000, separate the four numbers into two pairs of two: (Para decir los años hasta el 2000, separamos los números en parejas)

1965 = nineteen sixty-five

1871 = eighteen seventy-one

1999 = nineteen ninety-nine

For this decade, you need to say “two thousand and —” in British English: (Para esta década, ya no es así)

2001 = two thousand and one

2009 = two thousand and nine

Careful with the following dates: (Ten cuidado con las siguientes fechas)

1900 = nineteen hundred

1600 = sixteen hundred

Examples:

4/5/1967 = The fourth of May nineteen sixty-seven.

May, the fourth, nineteen sixty-seven.

Note: British and American English are different:

the second of December 2007 is written in British English like this: 2/12/07

and in American English like this: 12/2/07.